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Army Corps plans temporary closure of Chesapeake City Bridge on or about Oct. 18, nighttime hours only

Philadelphia (Oct. 12, 2005): The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers today announced that the Chesapeake City Bridge will be closed for repairs **on or about Oct. 18**, between the hours of **8 p.m.** and **5 a.m.**

During a recent routine maintenance inspection, large voids were identified beneath the approach slabs at the north and south abutments. Although there is no immediate danger to the public, the Corps has determined that it is best to repair the voids as soon as possible. Full closure of the bridge is necessary to ensure maximum safety for workers performing the repairs. Emergency vehicle traffic will be allowed on the bridge during this period.

The Corps of Engineers is coordinating with the Maryland State Highway Administration to minimize disruption for Maryland Route 213 travelers crossing the bridge over the Chesapeake & Delaware Canal.

The alternate route will be over the Summit Bridge. Motorists will be detoured at the north and south approaches to the bridge through Chesapeake City to Summit Bridge via Bethel Church Road (south side of the canal) and via Chesapeake City Road (north side of the canal).

MOTORISTS WILL RECEIVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE EXACT DAY(S) OF THE BRIDGE CLOSURE in a **subsequent news release**, and also on **electronic message boards** that have already been posted at the north and south approaches to the bridge.